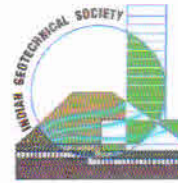




Memorandum of Understanding
between
Nepal Geotechnical Society (NGS)
and
Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS)



This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered between the Nepal Geotechnical Society (NGS) and the Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) on 15 December 2023 with the aim of promoting collaboration, networking and mutual support in the field of geotechnical and geoenvironmental engineering.

Parties

Nepal Geotechnical Society (NGS)

Nepal Geotechnical Society is a scientific forum of engineers and scientists involved in the fields of general civil engineering, geotechnical engineering, environmental geotechnics and geosciences. It was established by an enthusiastic and truly dedicated group of geotechnical engineers and academics of Nepal back in 1994 so as to deal with massive geotechnical challenges and bring into effect geotechnical engineering design and practices together with the development of education and research in the country. Apart from its flagship program like, the international conference "GeoMandu", NGS conducts various national seminars and guest lectures in regular basis. NGS is involved in international activities through its affiliation with the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) for more than two decades.

Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS)

Indian Geotechnical society was established in 1948 with the objective of promoting co-operation amongst engineers and scientists for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in the fields of Soil Mechanics, Foundation Engineering, Soil Dynamics, Engineering Geology, Rock Mechanics, Snow and Ice Mechanics and allied fields and their practical applications. It provides a common forum for academicians, research workers, designers, construction engineers, equipment manufacturers and others interested in geotechnical activity and organizes many technical programs and events. IGS members provide services in Geological & Geotechnical Investigations; Laboratory testing of soil, rock & construction material samples; Geophysical Investigations; rock mechanics tests; and foundation construction and testing for power, transportation (Highway/Railway), building and industrial sectors. The society resource base comprises of highly qualified graduate and post graduate civil engineers and academicians with expertise in Geotechnical Engineering.

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Objective of the Agreement:

- I. Exchange Knowledge and Foster Professional Growth: Both parties aim to share knowledge, information, and experiences in geotechnical engineering through workshops, seminars, and conferences. These efforts will support members' professional growth through educational programs, training sessions, and skill enhancement activities.
- II. Enhance International Presence and Influence: Collaborate to bolster the organizations' standing within the global geoscience community, particularly within the ISSMGE, increasing visibility and influence.
- III. Research and Development Collaboration: Encourage joint research initiatives, share technical resources, and undertake collaborative projects aimed at addressing common challenges in the field.
- IV. Promote Publications: Support the publication and dissemination of research papers, journals, and relevant materials for the mutual benefit of both societies.

Areas of Cooperation:

- I. Hosting joint seminars, workshops, and conferences focusing on shared interests in geotechnical and geoenvironmental engineering.
- II. Promoting academic exchanges, inviting experts for lectures, encouraging young and early career scientists and professionals committed to addressing emerging geotechnical and geoenvironmental engineering problems, and exchanging educational materials.
- III. Collaborating on research endeavors, sharing data, and granting access to specialized laboratories or facilities.
- IV. Coordinating joint publication efforts for research papers, articles, and technical documents.
- V. Mutual support in organizing professional development programs, training sessions, and certification courses.

Commitments:

Both parties commit to:

- I. Appointing representatives to serve as liaisons between the societies to facilitate communication and coordination.
- II. Regularly sharing information, updates, and opportunities for collaboration.
- III. Respecting intellectual property rights and confidentiality of shared information and materials.
- IV. Abiding by all relevant laws, regulations, and ethical standards in their collaborative activities.
- V. Organize at least two programs (webinar/ meetings) every year.
- VI. Build a common effort for sustainable and climate resilient infrastructure within south Asian countries.



Duration and Review:

This MoU shall come into effect on the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of 10 year. At the end of this period, both parties will review the effectiveness of the collaboration and may consider renewal or modification based on mutual agreement.

Termination:

Either party may terminate this MoU by providing written notice to the other party at least [Insert Duration] prior to the intended date of termination.


Governing Law:

This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of each societies, and any disputes arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall be settled amicably through mutual discussions.

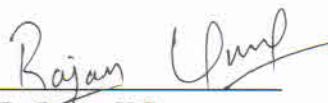
This Memorandum of Understanding signifies the commitment of both parties to collaborate and strengthen the field of geotechnical engineering through mutual cooperation and support.

Date: 15th Dec. 2023

For Nepal Geotechnical Society




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